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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follow:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.